

necessary by a larger amount of material from the same or a greater range of country may change the whole aspect of the subject under discussion. We are not near the sunset of bird study, but rather scarcely yet behold the dawn.

The new committee on Variation, under the direction of President Strong, opens a wide range in the way of comparisons, and should bring the solution to some of the vexed questions in the classification of the lower groups. It will open new vistas in bird study to him who seriously enters upon the plan outlined by Mr. Strong.

The work on Geographical Distribution is one which can profitably be pursued every day, or during every outing of however limited time. It is a work full of profit and pleasure which will be one of the bright spots in the recollections of after years. He who does none of this sort of field study misses much of the pleasure of life.

The Migrations, Nesting, Song and Food of the Warblers are subjects that never grow old. There is room for years of work in each of them. There is no group of birds which yields larger profits for the effort spent in study than the Warblers. They will bear the closest acquaintance and always grow more interesting.

Let 1899 see a work done which shall make the close of this century memorable for lasting results.

LYNDS JONES, *Chairman of Work.*

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## EDITORIAL.

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We welcome to the field of ornithological literature the *Bulletin of the Cooper Ornithological Club*, of California. This new sixteen page publication is under the editorial management of Mr. Chester Barlow, assisted by Messrs. Henry Reed Taylor and Howard Robertson, and is published at Santa Clara, Calif. It is published bi-monthly in the interests of the Cooper Ornithological Club, and is a step in the right direction in bringing together the results for which this active organization has always been noted.

It is a pleasure to herald the reappearance of the *Osprey* after an absence of a few months. Its reappearance under the editorial management of Dr. Elliott Coues and Theodore Gill, with Mr. Walter Adams Johnson as associate and Louis Agassiz Fuertes as art editor, is a guaranty of success.

Our fellow member, Mr. John W. Daniel, Jr., intends entering the field of bird literature with a magazine, the *Egg and Bird Field*. On the editorial staff we notice the well known names: Mearns, Barlow, Ridgway, Richmond, Oberholser, Taylor, Norris, et al. A magazine with such a staff of editors will be certain of a cordial reception.

*Bird Lore*, a new bi-monthly magazine of Ornithology, edited by Mr. Frank M. Chapman, and published by the Macmillan Company, will at once take its place among the foremost of bird publications. It is to be accurate, well illustrated, popular, and will champion the work of the Audubon Societies for the protection of our birds. May its success be complete.

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